

## Italian Earthquake Relief Fund

### Earthquake Reconstruction Briefs

- There are still 40,000 people displaced from their homes.
- 94 anti-seismic houses have been delivered in the hamlet of Onna which was completely destroyed by the quake.
- By the end of December another 30,000 people will be living in their new wooden homes, completely furnished, including a plasma TV.
- 400 churches are still closed due to the earthquake.
- There is a great concern about the young people who have moved out and may not come back to help with the stability and economic vitality of the region.
- Tent sites should be phased out by December. However, winter is fast approaching in that mountainous region.
- The Italian Government estimates that it will take 5-10 years for a full reconstruction of the buildings alone.

The donations are still used primarily for temporary housing and basic services. The Italian Government, among other things, has established a special lottery to help with the relief efforts. It is estimated that more than \$ 18 billion are needed for the reconstruction of the region. The appeal will continue until the end of October. Send your donation to: *Italian Earthquake Relief Fund, c/o 160 Court St., Buffalo, NY 14202.*



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